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JERUSALEM FOR USDEL ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR EG JO
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN FONMIN MEETING WITH JORDANIAN
AMBASSADOR

1. EGYPTIAN PRESS REPORTED FEBRUARY 26 THAT FONMIN KAMEL HAD MET WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR EL HINDAWI. THIS WAS ONE OF THE RARE OCCASIONS ON WHICH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MET WITH EGYPTIAN FONMIN.

2. WHILE HELICOPTERING BACK FROM ISMAILIA TO CAIRO YESTERDAY, KAMEL NOTED HE HAD MET WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR LAST WEEK. KAMEL RELATED THAT HE HAD TOLD EL HINDAWI THAT GOE UNDERSTANDS KING HUSSEIN'S POSITION IN CONNECTION WITH PARTICIPATING IN PEACE TALKS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GOE, HOWEVER, TO HAVE AT LEAST SOME INDICATION FROM HUSSEIN AS TO LATTER'S IDEAS ON HOW WEST BANK ISSUE SHOULD BE HANDLED. THESE COULD BE PROVIDED WITHOUT COMMITMENT ON HUSSEIN'S PART, BUT SIMPLY TO HELP GOE SHAPE ITS OWN THINKING.

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3. ACCORDING KAMEL, EL HINDAWI HAD EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING AND IS NOW IN AMMAN ON CONSULTATIONS. KAMEL HOPES THAT JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR WILL RETURN WITH AT LEAST SOME INFORMAL INDICATION OF HUSSEIN'S PERTINENT THINKING.

4. COMMENT: TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE FIRST

RECENT CONTACT BETWEEN GOE AND GOJ ON THIS MATTER. IT
MIGHT BE USEFUL IF WE COULD URGE HUSSEIN TO BE RESPONSIVE
TO EGYPTIAN REQUEST. EILTS

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